Expenditure on Medical and Dental Graduates in India

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical and dental graduates produced annually in India;

(b) what is the average expenditure Government incurs on production of each of these graduates;

(c) whether Government are aware that majority of these doctors go abroad in search of better jobs etc. and the money spent on them is thus wasted;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken/contemplated steps to put a full stop to such tendencies; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) There are 163 medical and 94 dental colleges in the country and admission capacity of these colleges is approximately 17,000 and approximately 4,800 respectively.

(b) As per a study commissioned by Medical Council of India, the cost of medical education per student ranges from Rs. 74,000/- to Rs. 1.78 lakhs per annum at the under graduate level and Rs. 71,000/- to Rs. 1.46 lakhs per annum at post-graduate level in Government medical Colleges. The fees being charged from the students are nominal. The cost for dental education at under graduate level is Rs. 0.75 lakhs to Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum.

(c) to (d) According to the statistics given in the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence Publication 1994, of a total of 5989 doctors who were trained and registered abroad, 2863 returned to India. For going to USA applicants need a No Objection Certificate which is only given for their pursuing studies in scare specialities for which facilities do not exist or are deficient in the country.

Procedure for Sending MBBS and BDS for Higher Studies in Europe or America

4055. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our MBBS doctors and BDS are sent to other countries of Europe, Australia and America for further higher studies unlaterally or under exchange programmes on scholarships etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) details of procedures of nomination and conditions governing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Doctors and other officers working in the Health Care Sector in State Governments and the participating units of the Central Health Service are sent on training programmes to various eminent institutes in different countries, to have an exposure to the latest advances in the various fields. These training programmes are organised under the aegis of the Colombo Plan, Commonwealth, World Health Organisation and also Indo-Irish and Indo-Netherlands Cultural Exchange programmes; etc. The criteria for selection *inter alia* include age, qualifications, experiences of the candidates and the relevance of the training to the future interest of the Medical and Health Sector. Due attention is given to representation of SC/ST and women candidates as well as different regions of the country. In addition to the above, No Objection Certificates (NOCs) are given to doctors who wish to pursue higher studies/paid residency at their own expense, subject to certain specified conditions which *inter alia* include furnishing a letter from the institute where training is to be received relating to the subject to be pursued,